

To: City Council Members

Subject: Proposed Sale of Lemoore Golf Course

Date: August 1, 2013

To the city council members, my name is Karen Polk Osterland, and I addressed the City Council at the Tuesday, July 16th meeting (at 5:30 p.m.) about the closed session topic of the proposed golf course sale. I mentioned several items of concern and Mayor Bill Siegel asked that I make a written account of these concerns so that the council could make use of them.

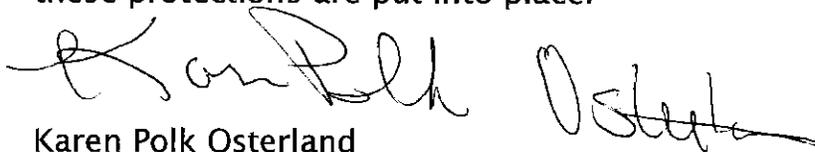
Before I do that I would like to state that I, along with many others, am opposed to the sale of our public golf course. As you know in the past the community cares very deeply about our course along with Rich Rhoades who manages it. Ask any golfer and they will say that the course has never looked so good and I believe that financially it has done very well in the last few years. Having stated my, and others position on the sale of the golf course, I will now list some concerns that need to be addressed should the city council follow through against the wish of many citizens and sell the golf course:

*First and foremost the city council must ensure that the golf course REMAIN a golf course and that the Tachi Yokut tribe not be allowed to develop the land into housing of any kind, a shopping center, amusement park, etc., etc. The golf course sale MUST contain legal protections to ensure that it remains a golf course.

*Special reduced rates need to be made available on a weekly basis to seniors, children, students and the military.

*The sale must allow for job security for all current employees for at least one year, two would be even better.

As stated earlier above, I am against the sale of our golf course, as are others, but the city council needs to make certain that if they do sell that these protections are put into place.



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